

TOWN OF BRANFORD SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Help us, Help you

With winter upon us, The Town of Branford Public Works Department is asking for your cooperation in assisting to provide maximum service to all our residents in helping us keep our roads safe.

During snow storms there is **“no” parking** on the even numbered side of the road by Town Ordinance (sec 223-1 & sec 223-2) Vehicles parked on the even side of the road will be asked to move them so plow trucks can get down the road. Failure to move a vehicle could result in having it towed. During a substantial snowfall a parking ban may be enacted which would require no parking on both sides of the road. Parking ban announcements will be made through the local media.

Town ordinance also states that property owners are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 8 hours of the end of the snowfall or precipitation (sec 216-42) The Public Works Department suggests that residents wait until Town plows have pushed back snow to the curb line before clearing the sidewalk areas. This generally happens after snow has stopped. **It is against the law to plow snow from driveways and walkways into the road.** Remember, residents are also responsible for their snow removal contractor's actions.

Residents should also keep in mind that snow plows are designed to remove snow from the roadway to the edge of the road. It is likely that the plow will leave behind a windrow of snow in front of driveways. Residents are responsible for removing this snow.

Residents and private plowing contractors should take note that town ordinance prohibits snow to be placed on any public highway in such a manner as to impede or inconvenience travel on any roadway (216-429b)). Residents or private contractors will also be held responsible for any curb damage done as a result of plowing snow across roadways.

The Public Works Department suggests residents make certain their mailboxes are at least 42 inches above the roadway and set back slightly

from the edge of the road so that the postal carrier can reach it, behind either face of curb or edge of road. Our department does not replace mailboxes that are displaced by snow or slush from plows. If contact with a plow can be shown, then it would be replaced.

This department strongly urges each homeowner to maintain the storm drain in front of or close to their home keeping it free and clear of any leaves or debris causing the drain to become clogged and not drain properly, which in some cases there would be freezing water and/or flooding.

Thank you for assisting us, if you have any questions please feel free to call the Public Works Office at 488-4156.